

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 10-12, 19, 20-23, and 26-27 are now pending. Claims 20-23 and 26-27 are allowed. Claims 10-12 and 19 were indicated to be drawn to patentable subject matter, but were objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. Claims 1-9, 16-18, and 28 were rejected based on prior art.

II. Amendments

Applicant has canceled rejected Claims 1-9, 16-18, and 28.

Claim 10, which was indicated to patentable in subject matter, has been amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 10 and its dependent Claims 11-12 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 19 was also indicated to be allowable. Applicant has amended Claim 19 to be in independent form. Therefore, Claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

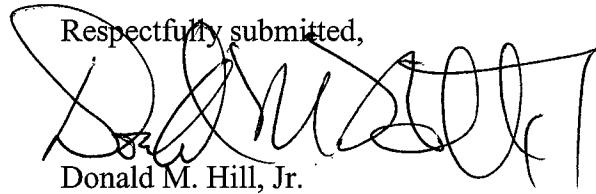
IV. Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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